

Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua and Venezuela Arrival Fact Sheet

For local health departments



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CHNV Program

Individuals from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua and Venezuela (CHNV) and their immediate family members may be granted parole into the United States for a period of up to two years. Detailed information on processes from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) can be found on the [USCIS website](#).

This program was modeled after the [Uniting for Ukraine](#) program, where a TB attestation is required, however, there are a couple differences for the CHNV program:

- Vaccine attestation is completed **before** travelling to the United States. An update can be provided after arrival for the polio and COVID-19 vaccines.
- Cuban and Haitian arrivals are the only CHNV participants eligible for Medicaid at this time.

Tuberculosis (TB) Screening

Participants ages 2 years and older will need to attest to receiving a medical screening for tuberculosis and an interferon-gamma release assay (IGRA) test, within 90 days. A tuberculin skin test is **not** considered acceptable to meet the requirements.

Stand-Alone IGRA Testing

For LHDs that submit IGRAs to the IDOH Lab, **please indicate the individuals country of origin in the LimsNet submission notes field** and alert [Jessica Gentry](#) and [Biak Chinpar](#). The cost of the IGRA will be waived through Sept. 30, 2023.

LHDs that do not offer IGRAs should have a list available of local options that do. Contact Jessica Gentry, IDOH Lab, at jgentry@health.in.gov or 317-921-5858, to start offering IGRAs.

Reporting

Confirmed and suspected cases of TB disease, and latent TB infection (LTBI) are reportable in Indiana. NBS reporting guidance can be found [here](#). Notify Biak Chinpar, IDOH TB epidemiologist, at bchinpar@health.in.gov regarding reportable cases.

Treatment, Incentives and Enablers

TB disease and LTBI treatment are available for free through the LHDs. The IDOH TB program's incentive and enabler fund is available for individuals with TB disease to assist and encourage TB treatment.

Resources for Clinicians

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's \(CDC\) — Testing for TB Infection](#)
- [Cultural Quick Reference Guide: Haiti \(SNTC\)](#)

Funding/Reimbursement

Reimbursement is available through the IDOH TB Prevention and Care program for expenses incurred for CHNV participants to receive a stand-alone IGRA test and TB screening through Sept. 30, 2023.

The reimbursable party may be a local health department, participant, sponsor, or other entity or individual.

Reimbursement may be submitted for costs dating back to October 2022 for Venezuelan participants and January 2023 for Cuban, Haitian and Nicaraguan participants.

Reimbursable Expenses

Reimbursable expenses may include clinical expenses (the cost of an IGRA and chest X-ray/CT (if needed), costs related to the attestation vaccines, etc.), transportation fare or mileage to/from clinic, interpretation or translation services, outreach to the CHNV communities, etc.

For IGRAs and chest X-rays, use lower-cost options when possible (IDOH, [Federally Qualified Health Centers](#), Community Health Centers, etc.). Reimbursement requires a copy of the IGRA lab result, the invoice/receipt and a completed [reimbursement form](#).

Call the IDOH TB program at tbprogram@health.in.gov or (317) 233-7434 with questions.

Translated Materials

TB Resources

- [General TB Information Fact Sheet \(CDC\) \(PDF\)](#) [Spanish \(PDF\)](#)
- [Q&A About TB Booklet \(CDC\) \(PDF\)](#) [Spanish \(PDF\)](#)
- [You Can Prevent Tuberculosis: A Patient Educational Handout \(SNTC\)](#) [Spanish](#) | [Haitian-Creole](#)
- [Fact Sheets about Tuberculosis \(Massachusetts Dept. of Health\)](#) [Spanish](#) | [Haitian-Creole](#)
- [TB Information for your Patients \(Massachusetts Dept. of Health\)](#) [Spanish](#) | [Haitian-Creole](#)
- [Patient Fact Sheets—Isoniazid & Rifampin \(SNTC\)](#) [Haitian-Creole](#)
- [TB/LTBI Fact Sheets \(Oregon Department of Health\)](#) [Spanish](#)

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